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*Giving* **GUIDE**

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# A miracle story: **Grinning Bearett**

Bearett's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday party had cake, balloons, family and friends. In addition, a group of neonatologists and nurses from the NICU attended the celebration. Not a typical birthday party. Because Bearett's not a typical little boy. He's a miracle – one of many miracles made possible through the expert care provided at Children's Hospital of Georgia.

Born with CDH (congenital diaphragmatic hernia), Bearett spent his first month and a half of life in the hospital. "We'd never heard of CDH," said his mom Jessi. She was just 16 weeks pregnant when doctors gave her the news about Bearett. "Most people think, 'Oh, hernia, no big deal.' Then we Googled it, and we were terrified."

In CDH, the diaphragm, or the muscle that separates the chest cavity from the abdomen, doesn't develop, leaving an infant's internal organs in a jumbled disarray that obstructs healthy growth.

"When Bearett was born, his spleen was in his armpit, his appendix was up by his shoulder, and his heart was in his other armpit," said Jessi. In addition, his right lung was tiny and his left lung barely visible. Bearett was in grave danger.

Jessi only got a passing glance of her newborn before they rushed him to the NICU in heart failure.

Bearett was placed on ECMO, an artificial heart-lung machine designed to breathe for him and pump oxygen-rich blood through his tiny body. His heart and lungs were so unstable, he stayed on the machine for over two weeks."

He was still on ECMO when surgeons transported him to a Children's Hospital operating room to repair his diaphragm. It wasn't ideal, but it worked. About a week later, Jessi finally got to hold her baby boy.

"I held him for four hours. It was such a surreal feeling. I was crying; the nurses were crying. It was a special moment."

Bearett, now 3, still sees several specialists at the Children's Hospital. "It's definitely like our second family," said Jessi. "It's bittersweet, because no one wants to have to bring their child to the hospital, but this place is super special to us. Everyone from his surgeon and his neonatologist to the nurses and his speech therapist, they just love him to pieces and treat Bearett like he is their own kid."

**Dear Friends,**

Bearett is a Miracle Kid! The specialized care found only at Children’s Hospital of Georgia has provided hope, healing and miracles for patients like Bearett and their families for over 20 years.

More than 100,000 children from birth to age 21 visit the Children’s Hospital of Georgia and its pediatric clinics each year for everything from common childhood illnesses and accidents to chronic and life-threatening conditions.

Our mission is to give the best care possible to every patient and family who comes through our doors at Children’s Hospital of Georgia, regardless of their ability to pay. But as a not-for-profit hospital, we need your help to do it.

“How can I help?” you might ask. We’ve created this special Children’s Hospital Giving Guide. Inside you’ll find opportunities to make specific gifts in many areas of the hospital. Your gifts can go toward the purchase of items such as a box of premie diapers, medical instruments or equipment, a warming blanket, or you can even send a child to one of our camps – whatever speaks to your heart.

There are suggested items and amounts on each page, but you may send any amount you choose. For your convenience, a postage-paid envelope is enclosed, or you can make your donation online by scanning the Children’s giving QR code, printed throughout the booklet.

Please consider making a gift in one of the key areas we’ve outlined inside.

We thank you in advance for your support!

For the kids,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valera Hudson".

Dr. Valera Hudson, Pediatrician-In-Chief  
Children’s Hospital of Georgia  
Professor and Chair of Pediatrics  
Medical College of Georgia



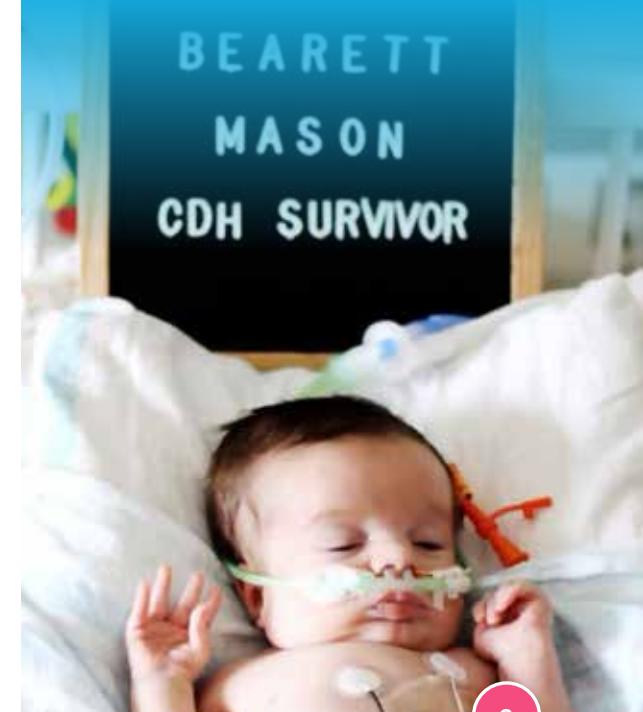
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrina Keefer".

Katrina Keefer, CEO  
AU Health System  
EVP for Health Affairs  
Augusta University

Our mission is to give the best care possible to every patient who comes through our doors at the not-for-profit Children’s Hospital of Georgia. But we need your help.



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# Give to the NICU

The Children's Hospital of Georgia gives the tiniest patients a fighting chance at life by delivering skilled, coordinated neonatal care to meet the complex needs of premature infants and their families. Children's Hospital provides the highest level (Level IV) NICU care in the region by American Academy of Pediatrics rigorous standards.

## Did you know?

- We care for more than 500 babies each year in the NICU.
- We treat babies as little as one pound (sometimes smaller)
- We see babies from all over the state in our Level IV NICU.

You may designate your donation toward the purchase of any of the following suggested items to support the NICU:



**Sound Machine**  
**\$15 EACH**



**Turtle Tub**  
**\$50 EACH**



**Neonatal Stethoscope**  
**\$60 EACH**



**Box of Diapers**  
**\$40 EACH**



**Transilluminator**  
**\$950 EACH**

\*Include NICU in your check's memo line or designation note if giving online.



You may designate your donation toward the purchase of any of the following suggested items to support the PICU:



**Covers for MamaRoo  
a Box of 25  
FOR \$400**



**Materials to Support  
Physical Therapy  
\$150 EACH**

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## Give to the PICU

Children's Hospital of Georgia offers the highest level (Level I) pediatric intensive care for children with critical illnesses, traumatic injuries and chronic conditions. More than 1,000 children receive care in the PICU for diagnoses, including respiratory disorders, ongoing seizures, organ failure, recovery from complex surgeries, and severe illnesses and infections. The expertise of dedicated pediatric intensivists and round-the-clock high-level care also make the PICU a regional referral center for children coming from other hospitals with these critical needs.



### Did you know?

Children's Hospital of Georgia never turns away a child because of the family's inability to pay for care. That's right. We are a not-for-profit hospital, and every child deserves the expert care provided at Children's.



Suggested items to support the pediatric operating room:



**Heart Pillow/Bear**  
**\$20 EACH**



**Fun Color Cast Tapes**  
**\$125 EACH**



**Warming Light**  
**\$5,852 EACH**



**Surgical Instruments**  
**of varying sizes**  
**\$4,000 EACH**

\*Include Pediatric OR in your check's memo line or designation note if giving online.



## *Give* to the Operating Room

Superbly skilled pediatric surgeons perform more than 6,500 procedures and operations each year inside the operating rooms at Children's Hospital of Georgia – from babies inside the womb to adolescents and young adults up to age 21. The Children's Hospital of Georgia is the only hospital in the region to offer these services, and they are provided in a kid-friendly atmosphere. For instance, young patients are shown a video that explains what will happen during surgery, they get to select the flavor of their anesthesia, or “sleepy medicine,” and they get to choose an age-appropriate toy to have waiting for them in the recovery room.

### Did you know?

- Because children come in all shapes and sizes, Children's Hospital must keep an ample supply of materials and instruments in varying sizes on hand to ensure that they have the best fit for each child when the time for surgery comes.
- The Children's Hospital of Georgia and our pediatric emergency room never close. We are here for you 24/7 and **365** days a year.

# Give to the Emergency Department

If your child has a medical emergency, there is a dedicated pediatric “ER” and trauma center – the only one of its kind in Augusta – right here at Children’s Hospital of Georgia. We offer emergency care to children of all ages and stages, from sudden illness or ailments to broken bones and traumatic injuries. We are open 24/7 and operated by expertly trained pediatric emergency medicine specialists. The Children’s Hospital of Georgia Emergency Department provides a family-friendly waiting area, 12 exam rooms and four pediatric trauma rooms. About 80 children are brought in for pediatric emergency care each day at Children’s.



Suggested items to support the pediatric emergency department:



**Thermometers**  
**\$200 EACH**



**Digital Infant Scales**  
**\$400 EACH**



**Ophthalmoscopes**  
**\$1,500 EACH**

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# Give to the Inpatient Floors

The fourth and fifth floors of the Children's Hospital of Georgia are inpatient units. They are specifically designed for patients required to stay overnight for continued care. Each patient room is family-sized and includes an extra-large couch that converts into a trundle bed so mom or dad can bunk with their child. Some of the most common conditions of patients on the fourth floor include sleep apnea, epilepsy, seizures, asthma, Cystic Fibrosis, influenza and dehydration. The fifth floor is designated for surgical and hematology/oncology cancer patients who need round-the-clock care. The overall environment is kid friendly. Entertainment (gaming) systems on wheels can be brought directly to the patient bedside, as well as DVD players for watching movies. There is also an indoor dinosaur-themed playground with padded carpeting, as well as enclosed playrooms on both floors for when patients are able to leave their rooms to play.



Suggested items  
to support the  
inpatient floors:



**iPad with Durable  
Otter Box Cover  
\$400 EACH**



**Boppy Pillow  
with cover  
\$50 EACH**

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your check's memo line or  
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# Give to the Outpatient Clinics

Many young patients come to Children's Hospital of Georgia for a brief doctor's visit in one of our outpatient pediatric clinics on the third floor of the adjoining Medical Office Building. More than 75,000 of these visits occur each year for many different reasons, including back-to-school checkups, immunizations, baby well checks, pre-surgery appointments, illnesses, medical testing, infusions and other outpatient visits and procedures.

In addition, the Children's Hospital of Georgia provides expert care out in the community with new pediatric clinics in Augusta, Martinez, Grovetown and Lake Oconee.



Suggested items to support the outpatient clinics:



**Belly Band**  
(Holds G-tube in place)  
**\$100 EACH**



**Blood Pressure Kit**  
(With multi-sized cuffs)  
**\$150 EACH**

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# Give to Support Child Life and our Facility Dogs

Child Life Specialists are trained professionals who are educated in child development and skilled at working with children and families to assist with the challenges of a medical situation or hospitalization. Our Child Life team helps patients to cope with illnesses by explaining their situation and what it may involve. They also build in play time and age-appropriate activities to provide entertainment, as well as distractions from the sometimes difficult or painful elements of care.



Two of our child life specialists also serve as the handlers (or “dog moms”) for Nugget and Casey, our facility dogs. Facility dogs are trained to work as part of the healthcare team. Their jobs are to provide individualized therapeutic interactions with patients, families as well as our Children’s Hospital of Georgia care teams. In addition, Casey or Nugget may be included in a patient’s personalized treatment or recovery plan, helping to young patients achieve specific goals. These canine companions help normalize hospitalizations by providing emotional support, play, and comfort during stressful situations.

Please consider a gift to support Child Life. You may also support Child Life programs in these specific ways:



## Class Packs

\$200

will buy 5 class packs of 800-piece crayons and activities for patients in all areas of the hospital and outpatient pediatric sites for one month



## Dog Grooming

\$260

will cover grooming for Casey or Nugget for a month



## Teen Space

\$20,000

will pay to update a designated teen space at Children’s Hospital of Georgia



## Facility Dog

\$30,000

will cover the costs to “hire” another facility dog and pay for its care

\*Include Child Life in your check’s memo line or designation note if giving online.



Give a gift specifically to support our camps:



### Camp Fee

\$600

will send 1 child to camp



### Camp Arts and Crafts

\$1,000

will pay for arts and crafts activities (including ceramics) at one of our camps



### Teen Night

\$2,000

will cover special teen night outing (dinner and a movie or bowling) for campers

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# Give to Support Kids Camps

Nearly every child enjoys summer camp, but some kids can't go to camp because of health challenges. Fortunately, Children's Hospital of Georgia operates more than half a dozen summer camps to specifically address these circumstances. Our camps provide children and adolescents the opportunity to participate in traditional camp-like activities in the beautiful setting of Camp Lakeside on Thurmond Lake.

Because our camps are operated and staffed by pediatric specialists and caregivers from Children's Hospital of Georgia, along with Child Life teams and trusted volunteers, parents may rest assured their children are carefully watched and compassionately cared for during the entire camp experience.



Here are the camps that Children's Hospital patients can enjoy:

- **Camp Strong Heart:** This weekend camp was created specifically for children who have been diagnosed with a heart condition or related issue.
- **Camp Joint Venture:** This four-day overnight summer camp is tailored for children with rheumatic disease such as juvenile arthritis.
- **Camp Kidney Bean:** This camp is tailored for children with kidney disease and related issues.
- **Camp Wheeze N Sneeze:** This camp is tailored for children with asthma and similar challenges.
- **Camp Rainbow™:** This weeklong camp is tailored to children with cancer and blood disorders.
- **Camp Share and Care:** This weekend camp was created for children who have been recently diagnosed with cancer and their families. It's an opportunity to learn more about their diagnosis and ask questions in a protected environment outside the hospital setting.



# Give to Tomorrow's Doctors

As part of an academic medical center, Children's Hospital of Georgia has been developing and nurturing leaders in pediatric care for decades before the current hospital opened in 1998. Children's Hospital of Georgia provides opportunities in pediatric emergency medicine, including a level 2 pediatric trauma center, the highest level NICU (Level IV), the highest level PICU (Level 1), as well as pediatric neurology, rheumatology, behavioral health, childhood cancer and blood disorders, allergy/immunology and much more.

New MDs want to learn alongside the best in their fields at Children's Hospital of Georgia, but there is a limited number of slots for these fellowships available due to a set threshold in government funding. To train additional physicians above the fixed number requires funding from a different source, and Children's is enthusiastically looking for support to complete this critical part of our educational mission of developing tomorrow's doctors in pediatric care.



Please consider supporting the pediatric fellowship program or behavioral health & wellness with any dollar amount.



**ANY AMOUNT**



**\$100 GIFT**



**\$500 GIFT**



**\$1,000 GIFT**

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*Give*  
**to Kisner Foundation & Friends  
Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness Center**

Early intervention is crucial in ensuring children develop into healthy, highly functioning adults. The Children's Hospital of Georgia recognizes the significant gap in medical care for underserved patients facing challenges in development and mental health, and through philanthropic partnerships has established an Integrated Behavioral Health Primary Care Clinic as the first phase to address this gap. This program will support further growth of services to provide testing, initial treatment for uncomplicated issues and referral for treatment of more complex diagnoses.

Because the need is so great, the next step at Children's is to establish a multidisciplinary comprehensive Pediatric Behavioral Health and Wellness Center to provide services for diagnosis, care and associated programs all under one roof. The center will include physicians; clinical psychologists; social workers; nurses; occupational, physical and speech therapists; and other specialists who can work in concert to meet the unique and varied needs of these patients.

# Give to Pediatric Rehabilitation

Pediatric Rehabilitation at Children's Hospital of Georgia provides activities for babies, children and youth to encourage gross motor, fine motor, and cognitive play, as well as boost speech and communication skills. About 600 children require rehabilitation services annually. Some are born prematurely with special needs or medical conditions or may have an injury or illness that affects their hearing, speech or motor skills. Pediatric physical therapists (PT), occupational therapists (OT) and speech therapists work with children and their families to help them reach their maximum functional potential and independence.

Please consider a gift to Pediatric Rehab:



**Classic Board Games**  
**\$20 EACH**



**Say & Do  
Phonology Games**  
**\$35**



**Mini Trampoline**  
**\$80**



**Tricycle with Handles**  
**\$140**

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## *Kid-* Sized Gifting Ideas

Your children, grandchildren and other young family members can get involved, too! It's never too soon to teach them the art of gift giving and the value of serving others. The gifts on this page are fun and easy ways for your children to help patients at Children's Hospital of Georgia.

### HERE ARE SOME KID-SIZED GIVING IDEAS:



# \$10

#### Books

Buys **TWO HARD-BACK BOOKS** for a child to read while in the hospital



# \$15

#### Bubbles

Buys a **CASE OF BUBBLES** to use to help distract kids during difficult times



# \$20

#### Movies

Buys a **DVD** for a child and their family to watch in their hospital room



# \$30

#### Snacks

Buys **SNACKS** for parents who are at their child's bedside for a long time

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## 3 WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

1 Mail a check to:  
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2 Make a donation online at:  
[giving.augusta.edu/childrens](http://giving.augusta.edu/childrens)  
or scan the QR code



3 Like and follow us on social media:  
[facebook.com/GAchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/GAchildrens)  
and @GAChildrens on Instagram and Twitter



◀ **Roary**  
Chief Fun Officer

### Questions?

Please call the Children's Hospital of Georgia philanthropy team at 706-721-4001 or email [philanthropy@augusta.edu](mailto:philanthropy@augusta.edu).

Gifts and information highlighted in this guide are designed to serve as examples of services provided and outcomes achieved by Children's Hospital of Georgia. Your gift, if designated to a specific program area, will be used to support that area. Should total contributions for a particular program or area exceed the amount needed to provide services in that area, Children's Hospital of Georgia reserves the right to redirect those funds for a critical need. Children's Hospital of Georgia retains control for the appropriate utilization of funds donated to the organization.